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SUBJ: OCTOBER LABOR STATISTICS SURVEY

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1. THE OCTOBER ISTAT SURVEY OF ITALY'S LABOR FORCE SHOWS
A REDUCTION IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE TO 7.4 PERCENT FROM
7.7 PERCENT IN JULY. AN ANALYSIS OF THE DATA, HOWEVER,
REVEALS THAT THE IMPROVEMENT IN THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE
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WAS MORE ILLUSORY THAN REAL. IN FACT, THE NUMBER OF THOSE
EMPLOYED DECREASED TO 19,961 THOUSANDS FROM 20,207
THOUSAND IN JULY. THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED ALSO
DECLINED, GOING FROM 1,692 TO 1,598 THOUSAND. HOWEVER,
THE SIZE OF THE TOTAL LABOR FORCE WENT FROM 21,899
THOUSAND TO 21,559 THOUSAND. THE MAJOR REASON FOR THE
DROP IN LABOR FORCE WAS THE REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER

OF THOSE, INCLUDED IN THE NEW SERIES, WHO WERE FIRST CHARACTERIZED BY INSTANT AS NON-MEMBERS OF THE LABOR FORCE (HOUSEWIVES, STUDENTS, RETIREES, ETC.) BUT UPON FURTHER INTERROGATION AFFIRMED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A JOB. THIS GROUP DECREASED FROM 742,000 TO 622,000.

2. THE MOST DISTURBING ASPECT OF THE UNEMPLOYMENT STATISTICS CONTINUES TO BE YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT. THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED IN THE AGE BRACKET 14-29 WAS 1,211 THOUSAND IN OCTOBER, OF WHICH 484 THOUSAND (OR 40 PERCENT) WERE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES.

3. DATA FOR THE JULY AND OCTOBER SURVEYS ARE SHOWN IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

4. LABOR STATISTICS (THOUSANDS)

	JULY 1977	OCTOBER 1977
LABOR FORCE	21,899	21,559
EMPLOYED, OF WHICH:	20,207	19,961
AGRICULTURE	3,168	3,086
INDUSTRY	7,787	7,621
SERVICES	9,252	9,254

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UNDEREMPLOYED (LESS THAN 26 HOURS PER WEEK)	409	425
UNEMPLOYED, OF WHICH:	1,692	1,598
PREVIOUSLY EMPLOYED	196	203
SEEKING FIRST JOB	754	773

PERSONS WHO FIRST STATED THEY WERE NON-WORKERS, BUT SUBSEQUENTLY AFFIRMED THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A JOB	742	622
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MEMO:

UNEMPLOYE YOUTH (14 TO 29 YEARS)	1,253	1,211
HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADE	450	484
PERCENT UNEMPLOYED	7.7	7.4

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